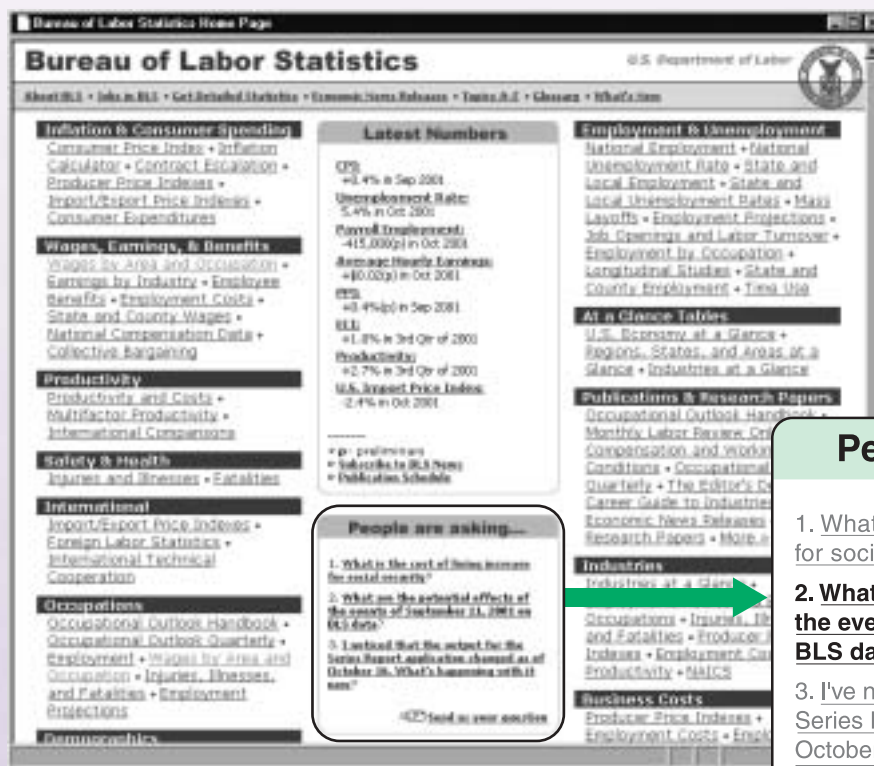


A note to our readers...

The BLS projections presented in this issue of the *Quarterly* were completed prior to the tragic events of September 11. The events of that day had an immediate economic impact, but the nature and severity of long-term effects remain unclear.

As we go to press, it is impossible to know how individual occupations and industries may be affected over the next decade. BLS will continue to review its projections and, as the long-term consequences of September 11 become clearer, will incorporate the aftereffects in later releases of the occupational and industrial outlooks.

To find out how the work of other offices in BLS has been affected by the events of September 11, visit our Web site at <http://www.bls.gov>.



People are asking...

1. What is the cost of living increase for social security?
2. What are the potential effects of the events of September 11, 2001 on BLS data?
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